

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**December 3, 2003 Board Meeting**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Eugene Maddox, DVM, President  
Needham Bateman, DVM  
Hugh Hill, DVM  
Jan Hines, DVM  
Jim Brett, DVM  
Charles Lance

**Others Present:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director  
Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary  
Dominick Crea, Board Attorney  
Edsel Davis, DVM  
Debbie Tillman, DVM  
Lynn Reece, DVM  
Kim Ellis, DVM  
Dwight Cochran, DVM  
Ed Mahaffey, DVM  
Lee Myers, DVM  
Beth Monte, GVMA Executive Director  
Tom Barrows, DVM  
Billy Sanders, DVM  
Angela Shurling Bushway, DVM

President Maddox established that a quorum was present, and the **hearing** scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:34 a.m.

**Rule 700-7-.03 Continuing Education:** Based on the verbal advice of the Board Attorney, the Board does not have the legal authority to adopt this rule at this time pursuant to the effective date in §43-50-40. Debbie Tillman, Lynn Reece, Kim Ellis and Dwight Cochran voiced concerns regarding the adoption of this rule.

The **hearing** was **adjourned** at 9:38 a.m. and the **meeting** that was scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:38 a.m.

Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **table** the adoption of the rule pending possible changes.

The **meeting** was **adjourned** at 9:38 a.m. and the **hearing** was again **called to order** at 9:40 a.m.

**Rule 700-8 Unprofessional Conduct:** Ed Mahaffey, Billy Sanders, and Lee Myers voiced concerns regarding the adoption of this rule.

The **hearing** was **adjourned** at 9:47 a.m. and the **meeting** was again **called to order** at 9:47 a.m.

Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **re-post the rule** changing the time allowed for a valid doctor, client, patient relationship from eighteen (18) to twelve (12) months.

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The **meeting** was **adjourned** at 10:03 a.m. and the **hearing** was again **called to order** at 10:04 a.m.

**Rule 700-12 Minimum Standards:** Ed Mahaffey, Billy Sanders and Lee Myers voiced their concerns regarding adoption of this rule.

The **hearing** was **adjourned** at 10:11 a.m. and the **meeting** was again **called to order** at 10:11 a.m.

Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **table** the adoption of the rule **pending possible changes**.

The **meeting** was **adjourned** at 10:12 a.m. and the **hearing** was again **called to order** at 10:14 a.m.

**Rule 700-13 Mobile Clinic Minimum Standards:** Ed Mahaffey, Billy Sanders and Lee Myers voiced their concerns regarding adoption of this rule.

The **hearing** was **adjourned** at 10:19 a.m. and the **meeting** was again **called to order** at 10:19 a.m.

Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **table** the adoption of this rule **pending possible changes**.

The **meeting** was **adjourned** at 10:21 a.m. and the **hearing** was again **called to order** at 10:21 a.m.

**Rule 700-15 Corporate Owned Practice:** Ed Mahaffey and Lee Myers voiced their concern regarding the adoption of this rule.

The **hearing** was **adjourned** at 10:25 a.m. and the **meeting** was again **called to order** at 10:26 a.m.

Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **re-post the rule** changing the effective date to July 1, 2005.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

**PAVE:** Sue Chadima, DVM, Chair, AAVSB PAVE Board and Tom Whitley, DVM, AAVSB Executive Committee member presented information regarding the PAVE program. The Board viewed this as **informational only**. Revision of Board Rule 700-2-.03(3) must be adopted before the Board can utilize PAVE as well as ECFVG.

**Minutes:** Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes from the October 22, 2003 meeting.

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**Rule 700-2-.03 Examination:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **post** the rule.

700-2-.03 Examination.

- (1) The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine has adopted the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE) administered by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) as its examination for licensure. The application to take the NAVLE is separate from the application for licensure submitted to the Board. Any application to take the NAVLE sent to the Board will be returned to the applicant. All applications and fees for the NAVLE must be sent directly to the NBVME.
- (2) The Board shall certify to the NBVME the name of each person who has submitted an approved application for licensure. No person shall be certified by the Board to take the NAVLE unless an application for licensure has been submitted and approved.
  - (a) The NAVLE candidate must abide by all rules and regulations established by the NBVME concerning the NAVLE.
- (3) An applicant for licensure who graduated from foreign veterinary school must submit proof of enrollment in an ECFVG program from the American Veterinary Medical Association or an equivalent organization and if taking the ECFVG, proof of completion of Step 2 of the ECFVG documenting English proficiency prior to being certified to the NBVME to sit for the NAVLE.
- (4) A NAVLE score of 75 or greater is required for licensure consideration.
- (5) An applicant for licensure who does not obtain a NAVLE score of 75 or higher may reapply to sit for the NAVLE by submitting a re-certification request to the board office, pay the appropriate fee and submit a new application directly to the NBVME with any required fee.
- (6) No person shall take the requires examination(s) more than three times without review and approval by the Board. Approval may be provided under such circumstances, as the board deems appropriate.

**Rule 700-14 Scope of Practice for Registered Veterinary Technicians:** Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Brett seconded and the Board voted to **post** the rule.

700-14-.01 Immediate Supervision.

- (1) Immediate Supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.
- (2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under immediate supervision:
  - (a) Induction of anesthesia;
  - (b) Dental extraction not requiring sectioning of a tooth or the resectioning of bone;
  - (c) Surgical assistance.

700-14-.02 Direct Supervision.

- (1) Direct supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.
- (2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following

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animal patient care under direct supervision:

- (a) Euthanasia;
- (b) Blood or blood component collection, preparation and administration;
- (c) Application of splints and slings;
- (d) Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth.

700-14-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under indirect supervision:

- (a) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by parenteral and injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, and intravenous), except when in conflict with government regulations;
- (b) Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;
- (c) Intravenous catheterizations;
- (d) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures;
- (e) Collection of blood; collection of urine by expression; cystocentesis, or catheterization; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations;
- (f) Routine laboratory test procedures;
- (g) Supervision of the handling of biohazardous waste materials.

700-14-.04 Emergency Treatment.

(1) Under conditions of an emergency, a registered veterinary technician may render the following life-saving aid and treatment:

- (a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;
- (b) Administration of pharmacological agents and parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a Georgia licensed veterinarian, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;
- (c) Resuscitative procedures;
- (d) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;
- (e) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;
- (f) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

700-14-.05 Restrictions.

(1) Nothing in this rule shall be construed to permit a registered veterinary technician to do the following:

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- (a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;
- (b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;
- (c) Perform surgery.
- (d) Administer a rabies vaccine.

**Rule 700-16 Scope of Practice for Veterinary Assistants:** Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Brett seconded and the Board voted to **post** the rule as amended.

700-16-.01 Immediate Supervision.

- (1) Immediate Supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.
  - (a) The following tasks can be performed by veterinary assistant under immediate supervision"
    - 1. Radiology assistance
    - 2. Surgical assistance.

700-16-.02 Direct Supervision.

- (1) Direct supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.
  - (a) The following tasks can be performed by a veterinary assistant under direct supervision.
    - 1. Dental procedures limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth.
    - 2. Intravenous catheterizations
    - 3. Collection of blood; collection of feces; collection of urine by expression; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations;

700-16-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

- (a) The following tasks can be performed by a veterinary assistant under indirect supervision.
  - 1. Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral or injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine, for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law, (subcutaneous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, and intravenous), except when in conflict with government regulations;
  - 2. Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) skin treatment
  - 3. Handling of biohazardous waste materials.

700-16-.04 Emergency Treatment.

(1) Under conditions of an emergency, a veterinary assistant may render the following life-saving aid and treatment after identifying himself/herself as a veterinary assistant:

- (a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;

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- (b) Administration of parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a Georgia licensed veterinarian, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;
- (c) Resuscitative procedures;
- (d) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;
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**F. Dianne Peek, DVM:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to approve the continuing education submitted to fulfill the requirements of license renewal.

**Ratify Licenses:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following new licenses.

License Number	Name	License Type
VET006993	Calloway, Charity Grace	Veterinarian
VET006994	Kittell, Cornel Lewis	Veterinarian
VET006995	Thompson, Stephanie April	Veterinarian
VET006996	Chandler, Matthew John	Veterinarian
VET006997	Kittell, John C	Veterinarian
VET006998	Echols, Janett Lynn	Veterinarian
VET006999	Lenoir, Natalie Yvette	Veterinarian
VET007000	Moore, Randle Winfred	Veterinarian

**Ratify Reinstatement:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the reinstatement of license on Pamela Hughes Simyon.

**Rule 700-7-.01 Renewal of License and 700-7-.02 Reinstatement of Expired Licenses:** These rules cannot be changed pursuant to §43-50-26(b).

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**Other Business:**

**Election of Officers for 2004:** Dr. Hines nominated Dr. Brett as **President**. The Board voted unanimously to approve Brett as **President**.

Dr. Bateman nominated Dr. Hill as **Vice President**. The Board voted unanimously to approve Dr. Hill as Vice President.

Dr. Bateman will serve as the reviewer of **continuing education** programs submitted for approval.

**Curtis Crawford:** The Board viewed correspondence from Mr. Crawford regarding vet tech administration of rabies vaccine as **informational**.

**James C. Metts:** The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Metts regarding scope of practice and requested that a response be sent to Mr. Metts referring him to O.C.G.A. 43-50-44(14).

**Chad Hargett, DVM:** The Board reviewed correspondence from Dr. Hargett regarding Emad Nazmy Rafla and licensure requirements for veterinary technicians. The Board requested notification be sent to Dr. Hargett that Mr. Rafla would be allowed to sit for the Vet Tech exam.

Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Maddox, Dr. Bateman, Dr. Hill and Mr. Lance. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding applications.

<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>
M.H.P.	<b>Approve</b> application for licensure
B.H.Z.	<b>Approve</b> application for licensure
T.E.W.	<b>Approve</b> application for licensure

**Request for termination of probation on M.D.F:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to approve termination of probation.

**T.W.A., DVM:** The Board reviewed correspondence from the Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine requesting a copy of the license file on Dr. T.W.A. Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve the release** of the file.

**Anita Martin, Executive Director's Report:**

- Implementation of the call center

**Dominick Crea, Board Attorney's Report:**

- Reported on two cases in his office

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Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Enforcement Section.

**Kathy Harvey, Enforcement Report:**

<b><u>CASE NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>
VET040032	Release file to GBI, refer to Enforcement to subpoena records, and contact local county officials with details

Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant Board member.

**Eugene Maddox, Cognizant Report:**

<b><u>CASE NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>
VET030003	<b>Close</b> case
VET030037	<b>Close</b> case
VET030043	<b>Close</b> case
VET030001	<b>Close with letter of concern</b>
VET040021	<b>Close</b> case
VET040022	<b>Close</b> case
VET040023	<b>Close</b> case
VET040024	<b>Close</b> case
VET040026	<b>Close</b> case
VET040027	<b>Close</b> case

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2004 at 9:30 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

**Minutes recorded by:** Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

**Minutes edited by:** Anita O. Martin, Executive Director